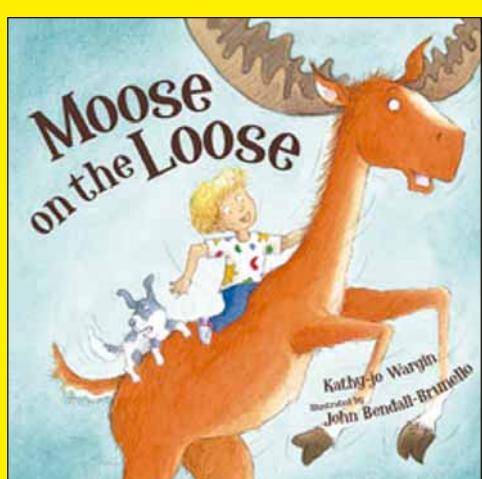




**MOOSE ON THE RUG**—Pre-schoolers gather on the rug to hear the 2012 Michigan Reads! selection, “Moose on the Loose,” read by author Denise Brennan-Nelson. Many of the children who attended were from Morenci’s Head Start program and Cyndee’s Circle of Friends day care. The state-wide Michigan Reads! program is sponsored by Target, with additional funding from the Library of Michigan Foundation and Sleeping Bear Press. The author tour that brought Denise to the library was made possible by funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Following her visit at the library, Denise visited Morenci Elementary School for an all-school assembly.



**GUEST**—Author Denise Brennan-Nelson filled in for Kathy-jo Wargin on the author tour, reading “Moose on the Loose.” She also read several of her own books, including “Buzzy the Bumblebee.” Before starting her program, she gave many of the adults in the audience pipe cleaners and told them to create a bee. At the end of the program, the adults showed their bees, and Denise pointed out to the children how unique each creation was, just like each of them is unique.



## Author visits library, school

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Kathy-jo Wargin’s, “Moose on the Loose,” was selected the 2012 Michigan Reads! to Children One Book One State book, but she was unable to attend the author tour.



**PERFECT FIT**—Kathy Webb, right, from the Library of Michigan, tests the fit of a crown with moose antlers on Kaylynn Flippo’s head while Samuel Marshall looks on. More than 30 little “moose on the loose” pre-schoolers visited the library to hear author Denise Brennan-Nelson talk about her books and writing. She encouraged everyone to use their imaginations and keep a journal—even pre-schoolers with the help of their parents.



**ILLUSTRATING**—Following Denise’s talk, children painted with watercolors in the style of “Moose on the Loose” illustrator John Bendall-Brunello and then snacked on Moose Tracks ice cream—with pretzels for antlers and chocolate covered raisins for eyes—and carrot sticks...something an herbivore moose might like to eat.



**COLORING**—JoLynn Hendershot, left, shows her daughter, Lily, how to hold a crayon as Lily works on a “Moose on the Loose” coloring page alongside Hayden Bays and his mother, Nicole.